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The Paths Before Them

AN EDITORIAL

WE SAID yesterday there are some among the Dubinsky Social-Democratic Federation group whose attitude toward the American Labor Party is rule or ruin; that having lost the ability to rule, they will try to ruin.

That is the meaning of the decision to withdraw from the ALP made by the leaders of this group Wednesday night. Their policies rejected by the membership, their efforts at political blackmail repudiated, they now seek to destroy the labor party.

Their red-baiting attacks on the unity committee and its initiator, the CIO National Political Action Committee, dovetail perfectly with Martin Dies' campaign to destroy the CIO committee. Dies, in fact, has synchronized his efforts with theirs.

By their refusal to accept the mandate of the enrolled voters, the Dubinsky leaders have demonstrated that contempt for democratic processes which has become typical of them.

We have no doubt that many who took no sides in the primary campaign, and even many of their own supporters, will be repelled by their attitude. That, for instance, is the reaction of John P. Lewis, PM's managing editor. While Lewis makes the obvious point that he is not enthusiastic about the "Hillman boys," he nevertheless insisted in a brief editorial yesterday that the voters have spoken and should be listened to.

Clearly, the Dubinskyites refuse to draw the appropriate lessons from their defeat. They continue on the same road that led them to isolation, that foisted the primary fight upon the ALP, and that resulted in rejection of their leadership by the rank-and-file.

IT IS noteworthy that the New York Post, which campaigned so vigorously for the Old Guard in the primaries, infers in its editorial yesterday that they were trounced because they bucked the people.

"It (the Dubinsky group) was defeated for a number of reasons, the chief one being that this year the program of the Communist Party and of the wing it established within the ALP (Post double-talk for those who want ALP unity) happened to coincide with the program of most Americans," the editorial says.

"The Communists are for the Teheran Agreement, for an efficient prosecution of the war, for labor peace. All these things have the support of the nation."

Well! If the "Communists" won so overwhelmingly because they are for these things, the only conclusion one can draw is that their opponents lost because they are not for them. There is ample proof of that, at least as far as the dominant section of the Old Guard is concerned.

The Post editorial is also interesting in that it reveals that there are differences of opinion among the Dubinsky forces. Some evidently want to organize a "fourth party." Others want only an independent committee. And we don't doubt that there are those who oppose any split in the ALP.

These differences are not unexpected. Similar differences existed before the primary campaign and there are bound to be some now. Most of the Dubinsky leaders are shrewd enough to know that the great mass of ALP voters are going to remain for the party. Some realize that a new party would reveal their miserable weakness. And some honest adherents of FDR fear that a split will weaken the fight for his reelection.

Sidney Hillman's statement of Wednesday that the primary vote is in no sense a partisan victory but one to be shared by all honest supporters of the Administration program will find echoes in their ranks.

Hillman's renewal of his plea for a united party under representative leadership leaves the door wide open for strengthening enormously the party and its fight on behalf of the President's policies and reelection. Those who persist in their efforts to split it are, in practice, opposing those policies. Some Dubinsky leaders are conscious of this. Others are probably not so aware of the consequences of their actions.

WE ARE convinced, however, that whichever way the leaders go, few of the ALP voters will follow them. The policy of unity advanced by both Hillman and the Mayor will prevail so far as the voters are concerned.

It should be noted that the Committee of 21 picked by the Old Guard leaders to guide their future course is heavily loaded with Jewish Daily Forward and New Leader "liberals," and with Social Democratic Federation lawyers. Only five are trade unionists, some without influence among the New York members of their unions. This is a confession of their isolation from labor and others. It indicates their utter inability to lead the ALP in constructive channels.

What a contrast to the powerful, broad representation on the newly-elected state committee, which includes leaders of every section of the million and a quarter CIO members, or hundreds of thousands of AFL members in various industries, of railroad workers, and of many non-labor groups. That state committee is now in a position to build an aggressive apparatus that will blanket the state and transform the composition and the activity of the party.

It should be joined by all who support the program of the ALP. Those who may have opposed the Hillman group but who want to see the democratic forces of the nation crush defeatism and fascism should take their places in a united, representative leadership which will make the labor party the instrument democracy needs in the Empire State.

RED ARMY TAKES CZERNOWITZ

ALP Leadership Charts Course For United Party

Immediate action to build an American Labor Party apparatus that will extend to every section of the state was promised today by Harry Chapman and Hyman Blumberg, leaders of the Committee for a United Labor Party which swept the ALP primaries for state committee Tuesday.

"For the first time in the history of the American Labor Party a working organization will be set up in every region throughout New York State," said Blumberg, who directed the Committee's primary campaign.

Blumberg emphasized that the victory of the unity slate opens the door to participation in the party administration and in formulation of policies by every enrolled voter.

Included in the plan of activity, he disclosed, is the permanent establishment of regional offices to organize and give direction to political activities.

HOME FRONT PROBLEMS

He also stated that the ALP intends to embark on a program that will "meet the great problems of the home front." Among these he listed price control, a job at decent pay for every worker and returning veteran, a wage policy to protect all workers against increasing living costs, a subsidy program, an assured market to farmers at fair prices, an equitable tax program, adequate muniting - out pay, retraining and rehabilitation of veterans, and a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee to combat racial and religious discrimination.

A rebuke of the primary results last night indicated that the United Committee had won 60 assembly districts in New York City out of 62. The other two, the fifth and the fourteenth in Brooklyn, remain doubtful. This gives the unity group 300 out of 310 state committee members from New York City.

Upstate, latest results show that out of 67 assembly districts reporting, the unity slate won 30, the Dubinsky Old Guard group took 15, and two were tied. There are still 21 assembly districts to be heard from.

The combined results so far are, therefore, 110 out of 150 districts won by the United Committee, 15 won by the Old Guard, two tied, two doubtful and 21 as yet unknown.

The popular vote for the United Committee is expected to be about 55,000, or 60 per cent of the 90,000 cast.

Allies Close in On North Burma

NEW DELHI, March 30 (UP).—The jaws of an Allied pincer were closing today on the Japanese in northern Burma as Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American-Chinese troops in the Mogaung Valley drove to within less than 90 miles of a junction with British airborne commandoes pushing up the Mandalay-Myttha railway.

Once the two Allied forces join, the ground will have been broken for a climactic offensive to reopen land communications between India and China.

Meanwhile, the four-pronged Japanese drive into India's Manipur State stalled as British planes and heavy artillery went into action, inflicting heavy losses on the invaders.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced that an estimated 2,500 enemy troops had been killed since the start of the offensive on the central Burma border front.

Another 2,000 Japanese faced death or capture in the Mogaung Valley, where veteran Chinese troops outflanked the retreating enemy and cut the only motorable road, trapping at least two infantry battalions. The Japanese lifeline was severed at Laban Village, approximately 40 miles north of the rail center of Mogaung.

Farther north in the valley the main Chinese forces were digging out the enemy from hurriedly prepared positions in the vicinity of Shadung. The fighting there raged with the ferocity of the northern Burma campaign, with at least 325 Japanese being killed on Tuesday.

Detroit Yugoslavs Hail Fight of Tito



Displaying a large picture of Marshal Tito, 500 South Slav Americans sent greetings to the people of Yugoslavia from the steps of Detroit's city hall. They called for recognition of the Tito government and pledged full support to President Roosevelt in the invasion of Europe and in the November elections. The rally, held on the third anniversary of the March 27, 1941 anti-fascist revolt in Belgrade, was addressed by Councilman Henry S. Sweeney and Philip Adler of the Detroit News (shown speaking). Sava Kozanovich, one of the liberal members of the March 27 government sent a message to the rally.

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U. S. Indicts Moreschi; Why Was N.Y. Probe Quashed by Gov. Dewey?

By Dorothy Loeb

Gov. Dewey's failure to act on charges against Joseph V. Moreschi and other officials of the AFL International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union came into the spotlight today as Moreschi and 12 others were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington on charges of embezzling \$500,000.

Fred W. Dusing, business representative of the union's Local 17, hailed the Washington indictments, but demanded to know why Dewey discontinued a state-wide probe in New York, originated by ex-Gov. Herbert Lehman, covering charges of the same nature.

The Lehman probe resulted in issuance of injunctions against Moreschi and Samuel Nuzzo, his agent in Local 17. Nuzzo is now in Sing Sing prison as a result, but Dewey "soft-pedaled" the investigation when he took office and now "on the eve of sensational disclosures" appears to have "completely killed" further probes, Dusing declared.

In the New York case, the extraordinary grand jury investigating Moreschi's rackets connected with the Delaware River Water Supply project issued a statement Oct. 30 last accusing Gov. Dewey of withholding cooperation. The grand jury said then that it had evidence of transactions between public officials and unions in Westchester County.

The grand jury complained that its funds were cut off and that Dewey refused its request that the services of two special assistant attorneys general be continued pending a final report. To date, Dewey has taken no action to continue this probe.

Also still to be acted on in New York state are indictments against Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, also connected with extortion charges on the Delaware water system project. Bove, an international vice-president of Moreschi's union, and Fay, international vice-president of the Union of Operating Engineers, were indicted May 19, 1943, in General Sessions on a conspiracy count charging them with extorting \$700,000 from nine syndicates of contractors. They have not been brought to trial on the indictments.

The Washington indictments, Dusing said, "squarely raise these questions: 'Why has Gov. Dewey refused to proceed with the investigation? Does this outfit have connections with political bigwigs in the Republican Party which Gov. Dewey does not care to expose?' Indicted with Moreschi in Washington are: John W. Garvey, international general representative; Achilles Persson, general secretary-treasurer; Moreschi's son, Faust, a local officer and nine others, principally union figures.

Asst. U. S. Attorney John W. Fitch said that he would show that at least \$500,000 was embezzled from the union in three years. Larry Kelly, former treasurer of Local 17 here, now a fugitive from justice, and his wife, are also among those indicted.

RANK AND FILE

Like similar cases in Newburgh's Local 17 and New York City's Local 147 (Sandhogs), the Washington case against the international organization was the result of a powerful rank and file movement which fought the Moreschi machine, exposing it to the membership and bringing action in the courts.

Hyman N. Glickstein of New York, counsel for the rank and file in all three cases, hailed the indictments as vindication of members' long fight against the corruption and racketeering of these defendants. "The indictments," Glickstein said, "are a body blow at the most powerful and vicious labor racket in the country today." Moreschi is an important figure in top AFL circles. At the last convention, he presided while President William Green was being voted on for reelection. A close ally of Republican-minded William Hutcheson, he and his delegates swing the third largest bloc of votes at AFL conventions.

The Washington indictments charge more than 30 overt acts, mostly larceny. They were handed down following a 12-month grand jury probe which followed demands from rank and file after Bureau of International Revenue agents uncovered \$10,000 worth of untaxed liquor in the basement of a night club owned by Kelly. The liquor had been bought with union funds.

Soviet Paper Urges Allied Unity on Italy

MOSCOW, March 30 (UP).—Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper demanded today an immediate American-British-Soviet agreement on Italian politics to get Italy fully into the war in anticipation of joint operations against Germany from the west and south as well as the east.

Asserting that the United States and Great Britain had not consulted the Soviet Union before they formed their own announced views of the Italian situation, Izvestia said that the position was "getting worse and worse and is threatening Italy with disaster."

"It should be pointed out that questions in connection with the present political situation in Italy so far have not been the object of joint consideration and joint decision by the Allied powers," Izvestia commented.

Izvestia said that on March 22 Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the British House of Commons that the Soviet Union had not indicated objection to postponement of the reorganization of the Italian government until Allied troops took Rome.

Actually, the newspaper asserted, Eden at that time had in his possession "special representations from the Soviet government about the necessity of improving the composition of the Italian government without delay, with the idea of uniting the forces existing in Italy ready to fight against Hitler and Mussolini."

Izvestia also declared that the Soviet Union's exchange of representatives with Marshal Badoglio's government did not constitute full recognition. Izvestia called for an immediate change in the Badoglio regime. The Soviet paper expressed irritation with British and American newspapers that charged the USSR with sympathy for the content of the Badoglio regime.

"There can be no doubt that at the present time the Italian situation has acquired great significance," Izvestia said.

"It must be solved from the angle of clearing the way for the rout of Hitler's troops and Mussolini's fascist hands in Italy, from the angle of the basic interests of the Allied powers which demand realization of all measures necessary for speeding up victory over the common enemy," Izvestia said that both America

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Newark Jury Views Nazi Flags Seized by FBI

By Art Shields
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

NEWARK, March 30.—Hitler's attempt to fly the swastika over America was brought home to the jury in the trial of 19 leaders of the German American Vocational Association when giant Nazi flags were rolled out in the courtroom.

The flags had been taken by FBI agents in a visit to the Yorkville headquarters of the German organization, known as the "DAB," a German Labor Front subsidiary, at 228 East 86th St., N. Y. City.

Some of the flags measured 6 by 8 feet.

The DAB headquarters was a Nazi flag storehouse. Some of the banners were regulation Nazi flags with a black swastika on a white background, surrounded by a red field.

Other flags carried a huge cogwheel (part of the German Labor Front symbol), with an inserted

Gains 15 Miles Toward Hungary, Takes 400 Towns

LONDON, March 30 (UP).—Soviet troops today took by storm the Balkan gateway city of Czernowitz (Cernauti) and in a new power drive advanced to within 15 miles of the Hungarian frontier as German defenses crumbled before ever increasing pressure from the western Ukraine border to the Black Sea.

The capture of Czernowitz, third city of pre-war Rumania and a vital rail hub, was announced by Marshal Joseph Stalin in a triumphant order of the day. It was followed by a communique which disclosed that among more than 400 towns liberated in the past 24 hours was Delyatin, 29 miles south-

Czech Partisans Contact Red Army

Czechoslovak underground forces, including escaped Soviet war prisoners collaborating with them, have established contact with the approaching Red Army, the Czechoslovak Government Press Bureau reported last night on the basis of official advice from London.

west of Stanislawow and only 15 miles from the Hungarian frontier. Three miles inside this frontier is the famed Tatar Pass—gateway to the Hungarian plain and the inner defense belt of the German Reich.

Also captured in today's drive were Nechayannoye, 30 miles northeast of Odessa; Storoshnina, 12 miles southwest of Czernowitz; Zabolotov, 30 miles northwest of Czernowitz and the large railway centers of Rymynitsa and Lipkany. Bloody street fighting preceded the fall of Czernowitz, center of Nazi communications vital to the defense of all southeastern Europe.

The guns of Moscow celebrated the latest triumph of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army with 20 salvos from 224 guns.

A Moscow dispatch which followed by a day a Soviet warning to Rumania and Bulgaria to get out of the war, said there was little question the Rumanians "are knocking heads together seeking an answer how to get out of the war." From Czernowitz and Kolomyia, junction on the Berlin-Lviv-Bucharest railway 45 miles northeast of Czernowitz, the Soviets may drive into the eastern part of Czechoslovakia through the Tatar Pass in the Carpathians, less than 30 miles west of Zhukov's advance units.

Liberators Smash At Truk Islands

PEARL HARBOR, March 30 (UP).—Roaring in through intense anti-aircraft fire, big Liberator bombers of the Seventh U. S. Army Air Force smashed at Truk Atoll Wednesday night, setting huge fires on Eten and Moen Islands where the Japanese have concentrated some of their most formidable air and naval installations.

It was the second attack by American land-based bombers on the great Truk base in the heart of the Carolines, 951 miles west of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

The brief Pacific Fleet Headquarters announcement of the raid by Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hales' Liberators did not mention any American losses.

Party Builders Congress Sunday

Only three days to go until the New York State Party Builders Congress! The date is Sunday, April 2. Time is 1 P.M. Place is Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St., Manhattan.

All Communist Party members who have recruited at least one new member are delegates. Friends, contacts and trade unionists are also welcome, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party announced yesterday.

The Red Army At the Carpathians

By a Veteran Commander

THE Red Army has captured Kolomya (or Kolomea) on the upper Prut (pronounced "Proot") and is now standing astride the railroad from Rumania to Poland.

Kolomya is also the gateway to the famous Tartar Pass through the Carpathians, which leads into Czechoslovakia. The foothills of the Carpathians creep up partially into the side streets of Kolomya. Thus it can be said that the strategic corridor between the Pripet Marshes and the Carpathians has been blocked by the Red Army. This is the meaning of the capture of Kolomya. It is the culmination of an operation which started almost five months ago at Kiev under Rokossovsky, was developed by Vatutin at Korosten, Zhitomir and Berdichev, and brought to a victorious conclusion by Zhukov at Sarny, Lutsk and Kolomya. The German front has been "impaled" on the Carpathians.

On the War Fronts

It is to be expected that from Kolomya Zhukov will strike at Delatyn which is at the northern orifice of the Tartar (or Jasina) Pass, thus blocking the railroad which runs through it.

Other Soviet forces have crossed the Prut at Czernowitz over a bridge the Germans did not have the time to destroy and the capture of the capital of Bukovina can be expected hourly.

(NOTE: It has just been announced that Czernowitz (Cernauti) has been captured by the Red Army.)

AS TO the trap around Dunayevy (northeast of Kamenetz-Podolsk), the corridor leading out of it has been still further narrowed. This tortuous corridor is protected by the German stronghold of Khotin. However, with the Red Army in Czernowitz and at the northward bend of the Prut (near Lipkany), the corridor actually leads into another trap and the whole combination looks like the double stomach of a ruminant (cow to you).

Marshal Konev continues his march along the left bank of the Prut southward and the Soviet demand that Rumania quit the war may mean that for the time being no crossing of the Prut will be undertaken (except on the Bukovinian front where Soviet territory lies south of the river).

General Malinovsky is advancing on a broad front between captured Vornesnek and Nikolaev in the general direction of Odessa.

The encircled Germans in Balta have been liquidated and now the Red Army will clear the railroad between Pervomaisk and Slobozka for its own use (which will be a march on Odessa from the north).

Allied troops evacuated two important hill positions near Cassino and this marks the end of the third battle for that town.

Allied planes blasted Brunswick and a number of targets in France. The fighter force of the Luftwaffe gave battle this time, losing 39 planes against nine Allied bombers and nine fighters downed.

THE Japanese offensive in Manipur begins to assume rather menacing proportions. The enemy is attacking north of Imphal, making straight for the Bengal railroad, only 40 miles away (at Dinapur). But 190 miles to the east of this battlefield, General Stilwell's Chinese and Americans are blasting their way south, menacing the Japanese communications along the line Myittha-Kohima. The Japanese are thus the same distance from the Allied communications as Allied troops are from the Japanese lines. It appears to be a touch and go affair.

Chaplin Denies Joan Barry's Story

HOLLYWOOD, March 30.—Charlie Chaplin in Federal Court late today denied Joan Barry's testimony that he had taken her to New York and thereby violated the Mann Act.

The actor insisted that he neither took Miss Barry to New York in 1942 nor returned her to Hollywood three weeks later for immoral purposes.

"I told her," he said, "I couldn't let her go to New York but couldn't stop her if she wanted to go. I told her if she weren't ready for the part by the time I wanted her, I would have to get somebody else."

"Miss Barry wanted me to pay her fare," he continued. "I told her, no. I told her she was earning \$100 a week and should be able to pay her own fare."

Yugoslav Seamen To Honor Tito Here

Yugoslav seamen will honor Marshal Tito this Sunday at Manhattan Center at 4:30 P. M.

Speakers include Mayor LaGuardia, Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, William Gallmor, radio commentator, and Louis Adamic, author.

Thomas Rabin, president of the Yugoslav Seamen's Club and Dr. Sava Kosanovich, former Cabinet minister, will also speak.

The affair is sponsored by the Yugoslav Seamen's Club which marks its third anniversary Sunday.

Artists participating are: Zinka Milanov, Metropolitan Opera star; Predrag Milavov, actor; Zlatko Balokovic, violinist, and Dr. Louis Goranin, composer of "Partizanka," a song dedicated to the Partisans.

Urge Hungarians Revolt, Work with Red Army

Underground Radio Asks Arms For Patriots

BERNE, March 30 (ICN).—The Hungarian "Front of National Independence" had broadcast a ringing appeal to Hungary for organized resistance to the Nazis timed to coincide with the Red Army's drive toward the Carpathians.

An order of the day, heard here over the Independence Front radio station, named after Louis Kossuth, gives pressing directives to Hungarian soldiers and officers, to factory workers, farmers, railroad men and virtually every other section of the population.

The Front of Independence, formed in Budapest on Christmas Eve, 1943 is a coalition of anti-fascist parties and its radio is frequently heard here in Switzerland. Its orders to the Hungarian army declared:

"You must organize an armed uprising. Spread and widen it."

Troops loyal to the country were told to arm all other patriots.

Soldiers in the Carpathians were directed to establish contact with the approaching Red Army and join it to liberate Hungary.

Soldiers billeted in the Ukraine were urged to join the Russians, too. Militiamen in southern provinces were directed to join Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Liberation Army.

PRO-NAZI AGENTS

The order of the day demanded general disobedience to mobilization orders issued by the "illegitimate government of German agents."

Rather than obey Hitler's Hungarian puppets, officers and soldiers were ordered to abandon their units, taking along arms to begin guerrilla warfare.

"Every factory, every mine and village must become an armed fortress of the national resistance," said the appeal.

Sabotage of production, destruction of factories working for the Nazis, strikes and concealment of food are placed as immediate tasks for the whole population.

Responsibility for Hungary's plight, said the radio, rests on those Hungarian ruling circles "who hired themselves out to Hitler, who demanded the defense of frontiers against Russia but left the country undefended against the age-old enemy, Germany."

Without naming the regime of Admiral Horthy, the radio said that all those who nurtured fascist organizations, like the "Arrow Cross," the "Swabians" and "the Volksbund" were responsible for the present calamity.

"All honest Hungarians, both of right and left, Communists and Social Democrats, Small Farmers Party and liberals, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, must today stand united in the Hungarian Front of National Independence," the Louis Kossuth radio concluded.

Federation Hits 'Telly' for Smear

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties yesterday charged the World-Telegram with a deliberate attempt to disrupt national unity by its smear campaign against the Federation's dinner.

The newspaper is acting as "Dies house organ," the Federation said. The statement follows:

"The attack of the World-Telegram on the dinner for racial and national unity can be inspired by only one motive—to destroy the unity for which the dinner stands and which it has already achieved."

"It is a shocking thing that a metropolitan American newspaper should be guilty of using the familiar Hitler technique of trying to create internal dissension and conflict at a time when all our energies should be devoted to a united effort to win the war."

"The attack on the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties made by insinuation and misrepresentation are untrue. The articles in the World-Telegram are based wholly on a speech by Martin Dies for which he was given special time by the House of Representatives to answer documented charges sent to the Department of Justice by the National Federation. The Federation's charges were that Dies had shielded or been praised by more than half of the twenty-eight persons indicted for sedition in July, 1942 and that, therefore, Dies should be investigated by a Federal Grand Jury. Dies failed to answer these charges. Instead he made the attack against the National Federation on which Mr. Dies' house organ."

"The dinner for Racial and National Unity to be held Sunday, April 2, at the Hotel Roosevelt was called so that leaders in all walks of American life might have the opportunity to express their opposition to the recent shocking acts of discrimination and violence against racial and religious minorities and their recognition of the pressing need for racial and national unity."

Anzio Nurses Ready for Raids



German bombs having hit the hospital position, Army nurse Lisa Elizabeth Davis (left), Jacksonville, Tenn., and Marbelle Bloomfield, Spragueville, Ia., fill and place sandbags around their personnel tent in the Anzio area of Italy.

Commons Sustains Churchill 425 to 23

LONDON, March 29 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill won a landslide confidence vote of 425 to 23 in the House of Commons today on the Education Bill as the result of his threat to resign if a defeat sustained Tuesday night was affirmed.

Under the pressure of the famous Commons "three-line whip" and the Prime Minister's own prestige, rebel Conservatives and other coalition members voted for the continuation of the amendment on which the Government had suffered its first defeat in nearly four years.

The assault by U. S. 15th Air Force heavy bombers, followed heavy RAF night raids against railway targets, at Valres, 15 miles from Paris, on Aero-engine works at Lyon, in south central France and against the great German Baltic port of Kiel.

In the second Allied attack in two days against Sofia, wave after wave of big, four-engine B-17s and B-24s hammered the center of the city. It was estimated the force numbered 400 planes.

House Body Urges More Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, March 30 (UP).—Declaring that the United Nations are closing in for "decisive battles" on all fronts, the House Foreign Affairs Committee called for continuation of lend-lease until "the enemy has been smashed."

The committee, which last week unanimously approved a bill to extend the lend-lease program to July 1, 1945, said in a formal report to the House that:

"The United Nations are now approaching the decisive battles of the war. There must be no slackening, but a doubling and re-doubling of our efforts until the power of the enemy has been smashed and a final victory has been won. The lend-lease program of the United States and the mutual war-aid programs of the United Nations are providing the weapons needed for victory on every front and the production lines behind those fronts."

In recommending extension of the program, the committee proposed an amendment to the Lend Lease Act on Congressional approval or rejection of treaties and programs involving such things as appropriations and tariffs.

The amendment, however, leaves unchanged the provisions of the Act that terms and conditions upon which a foreign government receives aid shall be those acceptable to the President.

CDVO in Drive to 'Grow More in '44'

Now that spring is in the air, the CDVO Victory Garden Division has launched its 1944 educational program advising city-dwellers on what, where, when, why and how to plant.

Even if you haven't a back yard and live 10 or 15 stories up in an apartment building you can join the growing army of victory gardeners this year, CDVO experts say. Those without garden plots on terra firma can save precious ration points and money too by enlisting with the window box gardeners.

At any rate, if you are interested pay a visit next week to the Pershing Square Information Center. Visit the life-like victory garden at the Center and hear William B. Ash, secretary of the National Association of Gardeners, discuss pruning in its verdant midst.

There will be movies on gardening at the Center every day at 11:30 A.M.

And if your organization wants a speaker on the subject give the Victory Garden Division a ring—Murray Hill 3-1637.

Chinese C.P. Calls for Offensive To Assist Allies in India, Burma

As Japanese troops neared the key supply center on the Indo-Burma border, Sin Hua Jih Pao, the Chinese Communist daily newspaper published in Chungking, urged the Chinese High Command to launch an offensive to relieve pressure on the Allied forces in India and Burma.

Yank Score for '43: 11,042 Axis Planes

WASHINGTON, March 30 (UP).—U. S. Army Air Force pilots destroyed 11,042 Axis aircraft in all theaters during 1943 at a cost of 2,886 American planes—a victory ratio of almost 4 to 1, the War Department announced today.

Of total enemy plane loss, 9,463 were shot down in combat and 1,579 were destroyed on the ground. American losses included 2,886 in aerial combat and 76 on the ground.

The 1943 total of enemy combat losses—9,463—was almost ten times the 1942 record of 987 brought down at the cost of 308 U. S. planes.

The score is figured conservatively, the War Department said. In addition to the enemy planes listed as destroyed in 1943, another 2,743 were probably destroyed in combat and 2,402 damaged, while 222 planes probably were destroyed on the ground and another 575 damaged.

Of the 9,463 enemy planes downed in combat, American pilots based in the United Kingdom accounted for 3,832; in the Mediterranean, 2,824; in the Southwest Pacific and the China-Burma-India area, 2,279; and in the South Pacific, Hawaii and Alaska, 528.

The activities of the enemy on the China front, said Sin Hua Jih Pao, "aim at restraining Chinese assistance to the Allied forces in Burma."

Emphasizing the need for strong Chinese offensives now, "Sin Hua Jih Pao" asserted: "We must not be satisfied with being able to return blows, but should attack by surprise."

The Presidium of the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union has conferred the title "Hero of Socialist Labor" on Mikhail Kalinin, president of the Soviet Union. It was reported Thursday by the Office of War Information.

Quoting a Soviet domestic broadcast, the OWI said Kalinin will receive the title to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his election as chairman of the All-Soviet Central Executive Committee in 1919. He will also receive the Order of Lenin and the Gold Medal of the Hammer and Sickle, the broadcast said.

Matzo, traditional bread of Jewish religious holidays, will have OPA ceiling prices for the first time during the coming Passover season, the Office of Price Administration announced yesterday.

One pound packages of matzo will retail at 21 cents. Packages in the 10-15 ounce range will sell at 20 cents. Whole wheat packages in the same class will cost 22 cents.

Egg matzo in packs of 11 or more ounces will sell at 36 cents.

Advertisements for various products and services are listed at the bottom of the page.

O Promise Me That Some Day..

Or no, not again! For the "unpleasant" time France didn't indicate just when the withdrawal would take place. He just said it would take place. Even if France weren't kidding, he'd have to hurry. Because pretty soon there won't be any Germans left for France to help on the Soviet Front. Pretty soon there won't even be any Soviet front.

Something might happen to the Blue Division, too. What will France tell our State Department then? That he'll withdraw his promises?

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You see the defeatist-Hearst press, the N. Y. Daily News, Daily Mirror, doing this daily. You see the N. Y. World-Telegram, the N. Y. Post (Social-Democratic) and Readers Digest, helping spread the "Red Scare." Yes, even the "liberal" PM is aiding the cabal and spreading confusion. Yesterday you saw the answer of the progressive ALP voters. They withstood the "Red Scare" barrage. They are marching toward unity to victory. They have confidence in the collaboration decided at Teheran—for speedy victory and a durable and lasting peace.

This is the sentiment of the majority. We cannot allow the enemy within to frustrate the people's desire. It would be disastrous to our nation and the world. Great battles lie ahead—to back the invasion, to meet and solve the problems of reconversion after victory.

For This We Must Have a Much Larger Communist Organization
We will better be able to help to

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W. Concourse	200	31	50	West Farms	75	6	26
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3rd A.D.	150	42	62	Echo Park	40	15	25
Amter	70	12	27	Fordham	75	25	40
Claremont	60	31	43	University	45	13	23
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EDUCATE THE MILLIONS on the issues confronting the nation: to unite the people and unify labor against defeatist treachery and for victory in the 1944 elections with the re-election of President Roosevelt; to strengthen the trade unions in meeting the multitude of problems in reconversion; to combat anti-Semitism and Jim Crow; to halt the sabotage of vital war measures by defeatist Congressmen.

Whom Can You Recruit?

We are in agreement with the millions on all the important questions. Hundreds of thousands applaud the patriotic activity and clear vision of our Party. Tens of thousands are ready to join our ranks—waiting only for the explanation of our program and activity, by YOU.

The Record to Date in The Bronx

Over 600 new members have been recruited of our 2,000 quota. This is very slow, even though it is twice

the number recruited last year in this same period. The reason is because only a small number of our members are doing the recruiting as yet. Recruiting is everyone's job, so start immediately.

Speak to your shopmates, union brothers and sisters. Visit your neighbor for a talk on the Party. Your husband or wife, your children, your mother or father, or brother or sister, if not yet members, should be. Make your recruiting easy by getting recruiting pamphlets or leaflets from your club. Organize a small recruiting party of your friends and relatives.

Help to recruit 1,000 by April 2nd by getting your recruit today!

Help your County win the Browder Cup in our competition with Kings, New York and Queens Counties.

Bronx County Committee Communist Party.

ACA Convention Backs 4th Term

(Special to the Daily Worker)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 30.—Delegates representing 30,000 CIO communications workers, in convention here yesterday adopted a resolution urging President Roosevelt to run for a fourth term and pledging him their support.

Introduction of the resolution touched off a demonstration among the 150 delegates, spokesman for members of the American Communications Association, CIO union in merchant marine, radio, telegraph, broadcast, telephone and international cables.

Their resolution said it would be the "greatest catastrophe" for the country if everything necessary was not done to guarantee Roosevelt's reelection.

Joseph P. Selly, union president, in a keynote report, told the delegates that winning the war is the union's paramount objective.

"All problems are subordinated to that one aim, gearing the communications industry to the war effort."

The union has succeeded quite well in that objective judging by tributes paid by War Department spokesmen at the sessions.

NO BOTTLENECKS

Col. S. P. Fink, Commanding Officer at nearby Camp Crowder, speaking for the War Department, credited teamwork between the Signal Corps and the union for the fact that there were no communications bottlenecks in the Sicily campaign.

"It is a matter of record that the American Communications Association has recognized the need for handling government messages quickly," Col. Fink said. "The ACA assisted in a study of the telegraph industry in 1942, a study which resulted in the highly important Board of War Communications Order 25-C. This Order corrected a condition that might have had serious effects on many phases of the war effort. Telegraph service had generally deteriorated. The speed of transmission and delivery of messages had become dangerously slow."

"Victory Committees were set up in which the ACA participated with representatives of Western Union and Postal—both management and employees—to consider methods of improving the service. The Order set up new standards of service."

"It was this Order too that cleared overloaded channels for war messages by eliminating nonessential types of telegrams such as fixed rate readings, telegrams, and the like."

"It is gratifying to the Army that the industry's labor organizations are seeking equitable formulas enabling them to postpone jurisdictional issues for the duration of the war."

WILL VISIT CAMP

On War Department invitation the entire convention will spend a few days at Camp Crowder when deliberations are concluded.

Delegates adopted resolutions today supporting the work of the CIO Political Action Committee, greeting the forthcoming world labor conference in London, hailing the leadership of CIO President Philip Murray and calling for adoption of the President's national economic program.

The convention, in session at Convention Auditorium, will probably conclude Friday night.

Congress Gets Problem of 4's

WASHINGTON, March 30 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today told the House of Representatives that the task of forcing 4-F's into essential jobs or non-combatant work battalions, and they feel that legislation is needed and they don't want such men as part of the armed forces. They prefer that control over such battalions be vested in selective service.

The Army and Navy endorse the idea of forcing an estimated 1,000,000 4-F's now in non-essential activity into essential occupations or work battalions, but they feel that legislation is needed and they don't want such men as part of the armed forces. They prefer that control over such battalions be vested in selective service.

Stimson emphasized this position at his press conference, saying "I do not think this most vitally needed step should be taken by indirect means by inducting men into the army who are not qualified to serve in the army."

But a few hours later, a House Military Affairs subcommittee, in a three-point recommendation, said the war department should take the initiative in accepting the 4-F's for war work because it already has authority to use men hitherto deferred for physical reasons. And it promised that legislation will be prepared later to back up the department.

Lynn Labor Raps Foes of AFL, CIO Unity

Ford Local Hits Strike Inciters

DEARBORN, Mich., March 30 (FP).—Ford Local 800, United Auto Workers (CIO), through its general council March 26, approved the decision of the officers not to defend 38 members who were discharged by the Ford Motor Co. for serious violations of plant discipline in the Rouge aircraft building.

Ford Local officers have repeatedly charged that Ford is constantly provoking strikes and disharmony among the employees.

According to the International UAW, the offenses of which the discharged workers were guilty March 7 and March 14 included: "Several workers grabbed a labor relation man, pulled him over the top of his desk, broke the glass and inkwells and proceeded to rough him up."

Then, says the UAW, two large groups of workers gathered and "a riot followed, during which windows were broken, desks overturned and smashed, file cabinets turned over, and the contents of drawers scattered on the floor; some plant protection men and union members were injured."

Strike provocation by Ford Motor Co. supervision was found in documentary form in a note scribbled by W. G. Austin, Ford labor relations man, who had written: "Prod. (meaning production) in shape to pull a strike."

Ford Local in its official publication asks: "If this isn't an act of sabotage, what is?"

Calif. Passes Half-Way Mark

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Louise Todd, administrative secretary of the California Communist organization today, said that the California district has reached 50 per cent of its goal of 2,000 new members. One thousand workers have been enrolled in California during the past six weeks. The next objective is to reach 1,500 by April 15th.

Boston Communist Dies Suddenly

BOSTON, March 30.—The Communist Party of Massachusetts yesterday announced the sudden death of Harry Yeramian of Boston, one of its most devoted members, at the age of 53. He collapsed a few days ago from a heart attack and died in the hospital two days later. The funeral will take place Saturday at 2 P. M. at the headquarters of the Greek-American Lodge of the IWO, 448 Tremont St. The body will lie in state Saturday until 2 P. M.

Anne Burlak, the state secretary of the Communist Party, said today: "Our Party and especially the Daily Worker has lost a devoted worker. Yeramian was one of the hardest workers in building the circulation of the Daily Worker and The Worker."

An All-Union Family Circle



Unionism's in the family—mother, dad and son, all delegates to the first biennial convention of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers, Local 65, which takes place tomorrow (Saturday) at Hotel Commodore. Center is Milton Revery, director of the union's apparel division, flanked by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Revery. Fay and mom are delegates from the Local 65 shops where they took jobs when two of their other sons, also union members, joined the armed forces.

AFL Rapped for Raid On CIO Shipyards

BALTIMORE, March 30.—A disruptive strike-provoking clique in Bethlehem-Fairchild's CIO-organized giant shipyard here is being used by the AFL's Metal Trades Department in its suddenly announced drive to raid the yards.

This charge was made in a joint statement of Port Director Lyman Covert and Walter MacNamon, business agent of Local 43, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO.

The Fairfield yard's 40,000 workers are under a maintenance of membership contract that Local 43 of the union has held since the start of the war. Under the pact the yard became the fastest building plant of Bethlehem.

Now the AFL under the leadership of its notorious red-baiter and splitter, John P. Frey, is seeking to force a new collective bargaining election.

Citing the union's fine record at the yards, the two CIO leaders said that "unfortunately there are those who seek to promote dissension and to break up national unity in the labor movement."

"The raiding tactics of the AFL in Local 43 is an example of the work of these forces who are not representative of the rank and file of the AFL."

Ulysses De Dominicis, president of the Maryland CIO Council called a general meeting of leaders of all CIO unions here to map a fight in defense of Local 43.

Last year, the AFL took its first disruptive step by calling a strike of gramenen in the yards. Now it has received the adherence of a group of outcast strike-promoters and a collection of other disruptive elements.

Von Ribbentrop's Son Arrives in Spain

(By United Press)

Radio Moscow reported Thursday that German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop's son has arrived in Madrid on what is described as "an unofficial visit."

WHAT'S ON

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK at 8:30 P. M. Kuzmar Grahel, noted Indian scholar and lecturer, will discuss the new Japanese offensive into India and other main events of the week. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave. 80c.

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How Long Will AFL Cover Up Moreschis?

By George Morris

The indictment of Joseph Moreschi, president of the Hod Carriers and Common Laborers and a dozen associates in the union's misleadership, for stealing money, will be welcomed by all decent people in and out of labor ranks.

One could only regret that such a long overdue step was not taken much sooner and, above all, that labor itself did not initiate the clean-up.

Actually, the initiative did come from the members of Moreschi's union. For years the rank and file, especially in a number of locals, has tried to get a financial accounting, to elect officers and to smash job racketeering. It was these rank and file movements especially among the New York sandhogs, Washington Local 74 and upstate Local 17, that led to the evidence and grand over-all indictment of the union's racketeering dictators. These locals have gone so far as to take the charges into court.

Unfortunately, William Green and his associates in the AFL council chose to close their eyes to the disclosures. In such situations the autonomy of affiliates becomes a sacred matter that must not be disturbed even by a statement from the AFL head. In fact, Joe Moreschi was given the dignity, at the Boston AFL convention last October, of presiding while Green and others were being nominated.

Every American will welcome any step that removes such parasites from power. But the responsibility, in the first place, is labor's.

Third Cacchione Ball Saturday

Several thousand supporters of Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist leader, will be on hand Saturday night at the third annual ball of the Peter V. Cacchione Association to greet the councilman on his reelection to the City Council.

Held annually at the Hotel St. George, the largest ballroom in Brooklyn, the affair has won the admiration of old-line politicians, who confess they can't put up anything like such a show for higher government officials than a city councilman.

Councilman Cacchione's supporters claim that they are able to do it for the same reason that the Cacchione got the highest number of first choice votes in last November councilman race. The people know and love him as a devoted champion of their interests.

Among those who will honor him tomorrow night will be many non-Communists, a large number of whom are expected to join the organization right on the spot as a tribute to his work.

Communist clubs in Brooklyn, competing hotly for honors in the current membership campaign in that borough, will be bringing in signed cards up until midnight, and prizes will be awarded to those who reach 65 per cent of the goal they set for May 1.

Incidentally, the ball is a delightful affair and has become the highlight of the Brooklyn social season. Entertainment this year includes Josh White of Cafe Society, Cardini, magician from "Latin Quarter," and Frieda Dover, Calypso singer. Billy Rollo, comedy star of "Three Men on a Horse," will be master of ceremonies. Robbins' twin bands will supply the music.

Soviet Paper Urges Allied-Italy Unity

(Continued from Page 1)

and Britain had taken definite political stands on Italy, and concluded:

"However these actions and statements, as is known, did not constitute the result of joint decisions by all three Allied powers. . . .

"The period is approaching for joint Allied operations against Germany as announced at Tehran. These operations must be undertaken not only from the east but also from the west and south. . . .

ANTI-FASCISTS

"In south Italy numerous reborn anti-fascist democratic parties desire an active struggle against Hitler and Mussolini. Despite this they have not unified themselves and are warring themselves out in a struggle against each other. . . .

"Are our Allies interested in allowing events to develop toward the destruction of Italy? Of course not. The Soviet Union and the Allies can not be interested in seeing Italy move to the brink of disaster. "What is the way out?"

"The way is . . . by coordinated efforts to give direction to political developments in Italy corresponding to the tasks of the Allied struggle against the common enemy."

"The policy for the Allies must be based on a jointly worked out common view with regard to the most important political questions of Italy."

Let's All Back The Attack

United AFL, CIO Council in Mass. Reaffirms Unity

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LYNN, Mass., March 30.—Pledging even closer and broader unity in its ranks in coming months, the Lynn Council of Labor, uniting CIO, AFL and independent unions, declared that any new efforts to split its ranks will be rebuffed "regardless of their source."

The council, in a statement adopted unanimously and signed by all affiliates, declared that it had achieved "the biggest degree of unity and the maximum cooperation in defense of the people's interests ever attained before in this community." It now has 22 affiliates with 40,000 members.

In rapping splitters the council's statement made no mention of William Green by name, but his order to "cease and desist" from cooperation with the CIO was undoubtedly meant. The Council said:

"In spite of attempts by some people, both outside and inside of the ranks of organized labor, to disrupt this unity and to discourage this cooperation we have learned from our own experience and from the freely expressed opinions of the ranks of organized labor that we are moving in the right direction."

"The record shows that our members, our community and our nation as a whole have benefited from the achievements of the Labor Council. Having defeated these attempts to create dissension in the early stages of our existence we shall certainly not succumb to these same attempts, regardless of their source, in the future."

Listing a series of achievements during the year in maintaining uninterrupted production, war aid and in efforts to stabilize the cost of living, the council's statement centered attention on the coming election and the "vital issues facing us in the war and post-war years."

SIGNERS

Signers include president Stanley Beecher, vice-president Thomas Barry, secretary Leo Barber and treasurer Stephen Mulken and the affiliates.

Those include, from the AFL, locals of the meat cutters, bakers, carpenters, machinists, fire fighters, motion picture operators, hood carriers, street car workers and painters.

From the CIO are the locals of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; shoe workers, newspaper guild, insurance agents and last-makers.

Independent locals which signed are the City Employees Union, Typographical Union and the United Mine Workers.

Painters Local Backs 4th Term

CHICAGO, March 30.—Painters Local 147, one of the oldest and largest in the international union, led the way among AFL unions in the Chicago area today in supporting a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

At a special meeting last Monday night, the local passed a resolution calling for the re-election of President Roosevelt and a friendly Congress to support him "to bring the war to a successful conclusion and win the peace to follow."

In passing the resolution, the local endorsed the action of the Illinois State Federation of Labor in support of a fourth term. The resolution said in part that:

"The way to bring the war to a successful conclusion and win the peace to follow is by re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to a fourth term and a friendly Congress to support him."

Copies of the resolution were sent to the Chicago Building Trades Council and the Chicago Federation of Labor for their consideration and similar action, and the Illinois Federation of Labor, International President Lindeloff and President Roosevelt.

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By Nikolai Tikhonov

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Film Front

By DAVID PLATT

SOME interesting letters in the mail. Mitchell Saba writes:

"I agree with you that Hollywood is changing for the better. However, even as you were out there I saw a couple of pictures that were spoiled by a peculiar type of anti-Semitism that prevails in Hollywood—namely, ridiculing and misrepresenting Arabs in whatever part they may have in a picture."

For example, the supposedly anti-Nazi film "Assignment in Brittany" starts off with a "heroic" French officer dressed in Arab clothes stabbing a treacherous pro-Nazi Arab, thereby implying that there are no anti-Nazi Arabs. The truth of the matter is that Arabs as a whole are intensely anti-fascist. Another case was "Journey into Fear," which starts off showing a map of Asia Minor, and then a close-up of a Frenchman and Arab fighting over a coin thrown by an American traveler. Therefore, when I saw the ad on "Desert Song," I thought it was another of the Shelt pictures showing a good 'Arab' as not really an Arab but a European. But the review of the picture in the Daily Worker says for once Hollywood has discarded its anti-Arab policy."

From Gordon Kay:

"There has been a long succession of Hollywood films based upon the supernatural. This is not just a matter of the routine Karloff-Lagard horror thrillers. There come to my mind as random pictures as 'Flesh and Fantasy,' 'The Cat People,' 'Uninvited,' 'I Married a Witch' and a host of others of the same genre varied by twists. There are even good pictures smothered by spirits, such as 'A Guy Named Joe.' The deluge of films with supernatural themes is a serious wartime phenomenon. There is a diabolical descent into the medieval in these films of people turning into panthers, wolves; of vampires stalking out of graves. Not unrelated to these demoted obsessions with gruesome ghosts in the cinema are the morbid, maudlin 'crime psychology' films about Jack the Ripper,

the widow stranger and a dozen others of the same type. We cannot concede to the casual dismissal of these films as 'escapist' pictures. The consistent concern with these ghastly subjects cannot be explained on that motivation, nor on the grounds of 'box office.' There is a pattern of demoralization and degradation in these displays of cruelty, superstition and terror. There is an air, an atmosphere and the stench of the brutal, inhuman, decadent culture of fascism. I should like to have you treat this development in your column."

(Kay raises an interesting point. We'll deal with it in a forthcoming column.)

A film worker writes:

"Enclosed find a clipping from the Hollywood Reporter that Irish censors have banned 'Casablanca,' 'Stage Door Canteen,' 'Desperate Journey,' 'Sergeant York' and many more. (Yesterday Film Front mentioned that 'Mrs. Miniver' has been rejected by the Irish authorities.)

From John Loftus:

"Have you noticed that Columbia is postponing production of 'Counterattack' until next winter? Wonder why? (We saw that notice. What we knew why. Will try to find out.)

—From William, business agent, Leather Workers Union, Newark:

"An astounding revelation concerning the picture 'North Star' was recently made by Benjamin De Casseres, the Hearst columnist. The journalistic scoop of the year disclosed that 'North Star' was filmed on American soil and portrayed by American actors! Therefore, concludes this master sleuth, nobody can place much credence in the picture. He bolsters his brilliant attack with an observation that the village farm had no dung lying around. Well, maybe not. But the same can't be said for this guy's column."

From Hedy Lapantine:

"Your article on 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was so wonderful that I cannot help congratulating you for it. For most of us, who read that book before we joined our Party, we shed tears and, of course, felt sad. Now 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' means more. Yes, I agree it should be produced by some progressive outfit and help in our cause. Thank you again."

Letters From Our Readers

Ray Lev in Brilliant Concert

By Frank Newman

It is unfortunate that Hunkeler, who said that women cannot play Beethoven, could not have been in Carnegie Hall last Sunday evening, where Ray Lev demonstrated, among other things, that she already has a following that packs that large auditorium.

Her playing of the Beethoven Sonata in E-flat major, Op. 27, No. 1, was notable. It had power, depth of feeling, eloquence and breadth of comprehension. Only the Adagio lacked for qualities that are not as yet in Miss Lev's arsenal of abilities, namely the qualities of repose and serenity, which are incompatible with her entire personality. Miss Lev is vitally personified, and as usual she electrified her large audience with a prodigious display of technique and virtuosity.

But the pyrotechnics were not produced for their own sake; they served to revitalize a wealth of good music, for her program was an unusually satisfactory one. It included, in addition to the Beethoven Sonata, Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue; Moussorgsky's unjustly neglected Pictures at an Exhibition; first performances of compositions by Herbert Ingh and Anis Pulethan; and minor excerpts by Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

This reviewer has serious reservations only regarding the pianist's treatment of the Bach Fantasia and Fugue, which was delivered with unusual power and brilliance; that is, just what seemed wrong with it. Bach calls instead for a searching sensitivity and singing delineation of the various voices composing the

contrapuntal web of his music, the exquisite harmonization of which is inevitably lost in any excessive volume of sound—which is not to say, by any means, that Bach should be played "white."

The Moussorgsky piano suite is not played often by pianists because of interpretative, as well as formidable technical difficulties. It takes a pianist of unusual versatility to bring all of these sketches to life, and it is no small tribute to Miss Lev to say that she was able to sustain interest even through the somewhat empty last number. The "promenades" which intersperse these sketches, describing the composer's feelings and varying gait as he perambulates from picture to picture, contain fascinating rhythms and Miss Lev made the most of them.

Mr. Ingh's new composition, De-

ment Moods, of which Miss Lev played Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, is a suite of much lighter moods, and it provided the pianist with an opportunity to display an aerial deftness and lightness of touch that was dazzling. Mr. Pulethan's Kyrenia and Harvest Chant are minor pieces of exotic mood and coloring which Miss Lev was able to invest with considerable charm. Both composers rose from a box to acknowledge the applause which greeted all three numbers.

Further facets of the pianist's brilliance were revealed in Chopin's Mazurka in A-flat major, Op. 7, No. 4; in the same composer's Impromptu in F-sharp minor, Op. 36, and in two Rachmaninoff Preludes. The first of Miss Lev's many encores was de Falla's Fire Dance; and even this hackneyed number kindled the flames under her revitalizing touch.



RAY LEV

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But we HAVE seen Beau and that's enough for us. Our California agent, Dave Farrell, came in with the news that Zurita is strictly a paper-mache puncher. If Poppy Dave has as much acumen as Sen David, then Beau figures to take Juan rather handily. If, however, Dave is wrong again, then Zurita will give the Beau a tussle before succumbing to the fury and relentlessness of the Negro fighter's attack.

But succumb he will, as our Joe Starobin would say, even though Zurita must have had plenty on the ball that night he took all fifteen rounds from Octopus Angott in L. A.

You don't take every round from Spoiler Samuel without having something more than a fast pair of feet and that's what Zurita must have had that night, unless Sammy the Clutch has slipped 300 per cent since his last showing here some time back.

This will be, incidentally, Beau's 13th main event in the Garden in little more than a year—a phenomenal record any way you'd like to look at it. Beau has been in the Garden so often these past months that he should have had a runway built from his hotel room to the ring.

But if figures mean anything, the fans don't seem to pall easily. They have kicked many a good shkel into Uncle Mike Jacobs' coffers. When we asked our Freddy Ellis who he thought was going to win tonight, he replied, "Mike Jacobs"—and that, my friends, is what we call dialectical.

Armstrong at Mulzac Birthday Party

Henry Armstrong, ex-triple title holder, was one of the guests at the birthday party given to Capt. Hugh Mulzac, skipper of the S. S. Booker T. Washington, first Negro to captain a merchant vessel in this war. The party, held under the auspices of the National Negro Congress, was held Sunday evening with over 200 persons present.

Armstrong, in speaking of Mulzac, said: "He is a symbol of the whole fight for full democracy at home and abroad. . . . Captain Mulzac said he felt as though this was his first birthday. . . . I know what he meant by that. He meant that it was the first anniversary of the appointment of a Negro captain. I know there will be many such milestones. We on the home front are eager and anxious to back up the men, Negro and white, who sail the ships, who fight the wars abroad. Captain Mulzac is the symbol that assures us that through the bitter struggles of this war, a better world will come for all of us."

'Rangers' Take All-League Spots

Three Rangers—or ex-Rangers to be exact—won spots on the all-league hockey team selected by the coaches Wednesday. They are defenseman Earl Selbert and Babe Pratt and right winger Lorne Carr. Selbert is with Chicago now while Pratt and Carr perform for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The three other members of the all-league squad are Bill Cowley of Boston, Doug Bentley of Chicago and goalie Bill Durnan of the Canadiens.

Bryan Hextall of the Rangers was the only current Blueshirt to win at least an honorable mention.

And in Conclusion

The Red Army is knocking off, besides "ordinary" Nazis, plenty of Nazi athletes who during the 1936 Olympics claimed to be supermen. . . . Latest of these supermen to receive his walking papers to hell is Rudolf Harbig, Nazi record-holder for the 400, 800 and 1,000 meter runs. . . . This time, it seems, Superman Harbig didn't run fast or far enough.

May he rest in peace.

Freddy Archer handed Fritzle Zivla a sound ten round thumping Wednesday night over in Newark and after the battle even Fritzle had to admit he was through as a boxer. These vets come to the conclusion long after it has been apparent to all others. Somehow they seem to refuse to believe that nature has taken its toll, that there is a limit to how far one can stretch the human body. . . . A man like Fritzle should have hung up his gloves a long time ago. But he continued to fight around the small club circuit, running the danger of getting seriously injured or punch drunk. Now that the Navy has beckoned him, the last of the fighting Zivla will be doing his scrapping against the big enemy—Adolf and Tojo—and we hope he gets a real crack at them soon.

From Bear Mountain:

Vaughan Will Play, Rickey To Trade Stan Bordagary

By C. E. Dexter

BEAR MOUNTAIN, March 30.—The Dodgers began to look more like the Dodgers when Branch Rickey completed his report to members of the press at Bear Mountain Inn this afternoon. First of all, he was flanked by Augie Galan and Les Webber, both of whom arrived here today. Then, he announced that Arkie Vaughan would be back at shortstop again this summer, although he may not be present at the season's opening.

Vaughan, who owns a large ranch in California, may have to remain there to take care of his cattle during the first weeks of the season. But he will definitely be on hand as soon as this business is completed.

As for other veterans, they are on their way—with the exception of Frenchy Bordagary. Frenchy, who can play both infield and outfield, doesn't like Mr. Rickey's contract and has voluntarily expressed himself therefore. The Dodgers' president said he is trying to arrange a trade for the little fellow, which may not be difficult, manpower being what it is these days.

Mickey Owen is due in camp tomorrow and by then, when the team will embark for a three-day trip to Atlantic City and Trenton, meeting the Yankees and the Trenton team of the New York-Pennsylvania League, two more players will have arrived. They are the 40-year-olds, Johnny Cooney and Paul Waner. It is unlikely that Whitlow Wyatt will be on hand before Monday.

As matters stand, said Rickey, "we are fortified in every position, not only with first line players but with adequate reserves. As I see it, the Dodgers are rising in my estimation as a potential pennant threat."

Practice by the assembled rookie and regular squads was confined to indoor work at West Point Field House today, as the weather put everyone under wraps.

All-America Court Team Lulu Despite War Losses

By Phil Gordon

The Sporting News has again come out with an All-American basketball team which is a lulu—a squad with tremendous height, blazing speed, defensive skill and all-around court savvy.

The team would average 79 points a game if you take the individual scoring records of the players as a guide. Paced by racehorse Dale Hall of West Point's undefeated squad and boasting Aud Brindley of Dartmouth, scorching Otto Graham of Northwestern, George Mikal of DePaul and Bob Brannum, the driving speedster of Kentucky, the team would give any previous All-American squad a tussle.

Despite a war year which saw most of the court's aces go off to the wars, the general level of this team is high—from the first squad down through the third squad.

The second team names Dick McGuire of St. John's, Leo Klier of Notre Dame who broke all Irish scoring records, Bob Kurland, Oklahoma's seven foot center, Bill Morris of Washington State and Dave Danner of Iowa.

The third team has Ernie Calvery, Rhode Island's sensational scorer, Dick Triptow, DePaul's blazing speedster, Bill Henry of Rice, Hank Brunette of Canisius and Jack Cawood of that magnificent Western Michigan team which took the Garden by storm last month.

18.3 AVERAGE FOR HALL

Dale Hall, Army's gridiron star, was more basketball player than football ace. The driving West Pointer averaged 18.3 points per game, the highest average an Army basketball player has amassed in more than 15 years. Last year Hall didn't see much action, but when Ed Kelleher moved to West Point following Fordham's curtailment of basketball for the

Musicals at the Irving

Now playing at the Irving Place Theatre will present the prize French film "Mayerling" which Charles Boyer, the love story that shook the world, and the greatest of all Viennese musical films, "Two Hearts in Waltz Time," with music by Robert Stolz.

At City Theatre

The City Theatre presents for its first downtown showing a new Soviet film that just arrived, "From the Barents to the Black Sea." It is the story of the latest action on the Russian front. It also reveals on the screen the torture and atrocities the Nazi beast committed in his hasty retreat. This show runs until and including Wednesday, April 6.

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WHAT HE FEARS



NEWS ITEM: Poll tax payments up to 25 per cent in Rep. Dies' district, threatening his hold on his seat in Congress.

It's Time to Stop Dies

MARTIN DIES has erupted once more upon the national political scene with his witch-hunting libels. This time it is the CIO National Political Action Committee which is the butt of his character assassination.

What is the witch-hunter after, on this occasion? It is as clear as the nose on one's face that he is directing his congressional committee against the President and the fourth term. He is acting in the political service of the Hoover-Spangler leadership of the Republican Party.

The CIO committee is selected for attack for another pretty obvious reason. Dies wants to prevent above all the unity of labor and the political activities of that movement which has been rightly termed "the backbone of the war effort." To smear labor in every community and to create dissension and uncertainty in its own ranks would be the greatest present help to the enemies of the war effort.

As Sidney Hillman has noted, the Dies arguments are showpenn. They contain all the old falsehoods, answered a thousand times. They pillory the same names and peddle the same frauds. This fact does not make Dies less of a danger to the nation at war. The country knows from bitter experience that it cannot laugh off Dies' false witnessing against honest men.

In 1944 he will be particularly frenzied. In his own district for the first time in years there is the possibility that he may be defeated. The increase in the payment of poll taxes by union men and women and the common people as a whole is not a good sign for Martin Dies.

He feels the growth of the labor movement, nationally and in his own district. The workers are organizing committees to beat men like him. They are registering voters and making democracy work. It is a working democracy of which Dies stands in dread, and so he resorts to terror. He tries aloud that Congress is being assaulted, whereas nothing of the kind is taking place. It is Congressmen of the Dies type whom the workers want to defeat, in order to restore to Congress its rightful dignity and honor.

Labor will now have to realize that this latest Dies assault is not directed solely at the CIO. It is intended to crush the citizenship rights of the whole labor movement. Dies makes much use of red-baiting quotes from John L. Lewis and David Dubinsky. Such an effort to spread disunity can be replied to by a stepping up of labor unity, particularly through appeals for action to AFL leaders and workers.

Certainly, labor must insist that William Green repudiate his endorsement of Dies, just as it was repudiated by the AFL affiliate in Dies' own territory. Certainly, it is essential that there be greater activity by AFL organizations from top to bottom on behalf of the President's policies. Certainly, it is imperative that AFL and CIO act unitedly in all localities — for the President and against Dies.

The Democratic Party leaders in the House have a duty to discharge. They are required to challenge and repudiate Dies, so that the country will know exactly who he is. These leaders have shown entirely too much dif-

ference on this matter. Dies is a fifth columnist within the Democratic Party, and the quicker that party labels him and his pal O'Daniel as such the better will it be for the Democrats in the coming national election.

The Polish Socialists

IN ALL the chatter about the "problem of Poland," the action of the Polish people itself is often overlooked. But the fact is that tens of thousands of Poles are helping to solve their national problem in the most important possible way — by fighting the Germans. A third Polish division has now been formed on Soviet soil, making almost 50,000 men in all. The new division is named after Romuald Trautman, a leader of the uprising against Czarist Russia in 1863. This in itself symbolizes the new relations between the new Poland and the new Russia.

And the men who are joining up are from the recently liberated western Ukraine and from the Polish underground, tired of waiting for "instructions" from the government-in-exile. No wonder the London clique hurries to reverse itself and calls for collaboration with the Red Army.

What the government-in-exile really preferred is made clear from a statement by the Polish Socialist Party, whose underground executive has just sent a message to the British Labor Party. These Polish Socialists, united with the Polish fascists in their exiled coalition, are simply besides themselves with frenzied hatred for the Soviet Union. The nation which Churchill called "the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing" is reviled as "uncivilized," "barbaric," "insatiably greedy" in the language of Goebbels. And they ask for arms — not to join with the Red Army — but to fight against it.

Such an appeal explains the kinship of these Socialists with their own fascists. And the impotent hysteria of it all reflects the passing of the entire Munich era. Some weeks ago, the N. Y. Times observed that the cabinet of the government-in-exile is full of Socialist and Peasant Party leaders, and asked why the USSR could not get along with such "exemplary democrats." The Times has its answer. How can the USSR be expected to get along with men who at this late date are chewing their fingernails because the Red Army is winning?

And their intention is clear. These Socialists would like to see British labor set itself against the policies of the British government which has at last taken a sensible position on the Polish issue. Bound to their own fascists on an anti-Soviet basis, these Polish Socialists cannot bear the unity in Britain, based on friendship with the USSR.

Obstruction, division, panic — such is the purpose of the government-in-exile's propaganda. All the more reason then why Americans should have no part in it. The Polish problem is being solved by the Poles themselves, as well as by the United Nations. Those who exploit this issue, whether they be the Social Democrats, or even men like Wendell Willkie do no service to the cause of Polish independence and certainly no service to Polish-Americans, and the American people as a whole.

'Pete' Cacchione Ball

THE Third Annual "Pete" Cacchione Ball Saturday night at St. George Hotel will undoubtedly be as gay and as well attended as the previous ones.

The election of the first Communist councilman of this great city, is quite naturally, a cause of celebration. But this year Pete came back topping all candidates of the city's largest borough. And he has good reinforcement, in Ben Davis, Jr., another Communist and Negro leader.

It's going to be more than an ordinary ball.

THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

GOP and the Negro

By Adam Lapin

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

Washington, D. C., March 30

THE record of the Republicans on every important issue affecting the welfare of the Negro people is pretty transparent, of course. There is the little matter of the alliance between the Republicans and Rep. John Rankin to kill an effective soldier vote bill. There is the sniping at FEPC by House Republicans on the Smith Committee. And most recently, there was Governor Dewey's repudiation of the anti-discrimination legislation recommended by his own 26-man committee.

But I think it would be a mistake to underestimate the possibilities of Republican demagoguery to woo the Negro vote. They are quite capable of attempting to saddle the administration with the sins of the Rankins and Bilbos with whom they have been in such alliance and of shedding crocodile tears over the Jim Crow policy of the Army.

As a matter of fact, the Republicans have been doing just that. They are gleefully spreading over the country the indefensible letter which Secretary of War Stimson sent Rep. Ham Fish stating that the Army did not propose to use Negro troops in combat service. Not that the Republicans have ever done anything to combat the Army's discrimination policies or to encourage the steps toward eliminating Jim Crow in the armed services which have been taken. But they can recognize a good campaign issue when they see it.

A SIGNIFICANT case in point is the battle over continuation of FEPC. Republicans on the Senate Appropriations Committee actually voted for the Russell amendment which would kill FEPC unless Congress approves funds to continue the anti-discrimination agency. But that didn't keep them from making the most of the failure of administration to eliminate a vigorous fight against the amendment.

At the request of Edgar Brown, a

Negro Republican who is close to the Chicago Tribune, Senator C. Douglas Buck of Delaware introduced an amendment to exempt FEPC from the Russell amendment. Voting for the Buck amendment were 24 Republicans and only 11 Democrats. Against the Buck amendment were 19 Democrats, mostly from Southern states, and two Republicans.

Of course, seven of the Republicans reversed themselves when they were tainted with deserting their fight against administration "bureaucracy." And the Buck amendment was finally defeated. The Russell amendment passed intact. But don't think the Republicans won't use this little incident.

Or take the case of the anti-poll tax bill. Republican Senators who voted against cloture were largely responsible for killing the measure in 1942. The Republicans are, however, now considering ways and means of exploiting the delay in bringing the measure up.

IT HAS been more than four months since the Senate Judiciary Committee reported out the measure, four months of delay. And now new delays are in the offing. Senator Alben Barkley, the majority leader, has been largely responsible for the delay. As he showed in his stand on the tax issue, Barkley does not like a fight with the most die-hard reactionaries in his own party. Now Barkley is embarrassed by the poll-tax issues.

He hopes that it can be quickly and quietly disposed of after a brief filibuster. He is afraid that the issue will disturb the unity of the Democratic Party. But he is unfortunately thinking of unity on the terms of men like Senators Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi and Pappy O'Daniel of Texas.

Senator James Mead of New York, who is slated to lead the fight for the anti-poll tax bill on the floor, has not been overly aggressive. He has been far too solicitous of the feelings of Senator Bilbo who asked

for a prolonged delay while he could get his false teeth fixed up in preparation for a prolonged filibuster.

Some Senators even whispered that President Roosevelt didn't want the poll tax issue to come. The President disposed of that one himself when he reiterated his opposition to the poll tax.

Negroes throughout the country are not thinking in terms of old political alignments. They are thinking in terms of issues, of the need of their people and of the requirements of the war effort in utilizing Negro soldiers and workers. Their overwhelming support can be won for the President's reelection.

But it will take affirmative and definite action to do the job. That action has got to come from Congress in terms of approving the \$585,000,000 appropriation which the President has asked for FEPC and of passing the anti-poll tax bill.

With the exception of the War Department which has to be blasted out of its entrenched prejudices, the problem is not primarily in the administration. The President's attitude on the democratic rights of the Negro people has been made clear in several recent conferences with Negro leaders. And the splendid work which FEPC has done recently certainly reflects the President's will.

It is true that some of the President's advisers are not fully aware of the need for an active campaign to win active support. But the real problem is in Congress. CIO President Philip Murray has taken an active interest in the poll tax and FEPC issues. The labor movement as a whole, however, has not yet done enough to get Congress moving.

As in the case of the tax fight, the horizon of too many Democratic Senators and Congressmen even from states outside the South is confined by the four walls of the Senate chamber. They have tended to lose sight of the problems of 12,000,000 Negroes which are, after all, somewhat more important than Senator Bilbo's teeth.

Congress and School Lunch Plan

By Eleanor Fowler
Secretary-Treasurer, CIO Women's Auxiliaries

The defeat of the school lunch program in the House of Representatives is a very good symbol of the importance of political action.

Do the women of this country think that a Congress which votes down after one day of hearings and one hour of debate a program which has furnished hot lunches to about five million school children for five years is the kind of Congress that will look after the welfare of our people?

You ought to read that debate! The public debt is so big, say the opponents of the program, we've got to cut down. Our people are rolling in money — so let them feed their own children. That's their job.

No consideration for the millions of working mothers who can't run home from the factory to fix Johnny a hot lunch. No thought of the 30,000,000 families living on fixed incomes who are worse off now than before the war. No remotest feeling that our country has a responsibility for seeing that every child gets a healthy start — and that means first and foremost adequate nutrition. A handful of labor's friends pointed those things out but they were crying in a wilderness. The vote was 136-54 against federal help for school lunches.

It makes your blood run cold to think of what would happen to the people if those economy hounds in Congress had their way.

The school lunch program cost a little under \$50,000,000 of federal funds this year and provided lunches for about five million school children.

The sponsor of each of those lunch projects signed a contract with the Department of Agriculture — promising to serve free or below cost "those children unable to pay the full cost of lunches served and certifying that they could not operate an adequate school lunch program without the financial assistance of the War Food Administration."

About two-thirds of the projects serve Type A lunches which furnish from one-third to one-half of a child's daily food requirements. Interestingly enough more than half the children benefiting under the program are in small rural areas.

What we actually need by any sane standards of national welfare is expansion not curtailment of the school lunch program. We need more city lunch programs. Not long ago a study of more than 7,000 Chicago school children showed nearly three-quarters living on diets way below the minimum recommended by scientists for health.

We shudder when we read the

hideous story of Nazi starvation of the children of Europe. Let's remember that far too many of our own American children are severely undernourished and demand that our country assume its responsibility for them.

The fight for the school lunch program for the coming year has been far too solicitous of the feelings of getting the appropriate

tion if Congress hears how we feel about it. Write your Congressman today.

And while you're writing take a vow that you'll register and vote in 1944. The only real safeguard for the school lunch program as for all other good social legislation is the election of a Congress really representative of the people next November.

Marcantonio Tells How To Make Congress Act

Congressman Vito Marcantonio is 100 per cent in favor of a federal hot lunch program for school kids. In answer to a Teachers Union questionnaire on congressional appropriations for hot school lunches, Marcantonio said:

"I fought for federal appropriations for this purpose in the House and will continue to give my support to any legislation which has this objective. As I see it, however, your immediate fight must be to secure the pledges of Senators Wagner and Mead to fight for restoration of the item for school lunches in the Senate version of the bill. It will then be possible for the House to recede from the position it has taken in the matter when the bill reaches conference."

There are two bills: now in the Senate Agriculture Committee. The Senate version of the recently killed House bill gives jurisdiction to the Department of Agriculture which has been handling the program all along.

2 Ace Recruiters on Way to 100 Members

Two Manhattan recruiters have leaped ahead of their fellow 25's and are well on their way to 50 recruits each.

Ed Royce, Communist Party member in the 19th A.D., has already recruited 35 new members. Sam Williams, 21st A.D., has signed up 29. Both say it's not hard. It just takes keeping one's mind on it all the time.

Ed Royce is a sociable fellow who goes for people in a big way. His dozens of friends, fast becoming Communists, bear this out. Even when he meets people for the first time, he gets to know them well. Here's an example.

Ed went out canvassing last week to the homes of three Ben Davis voters. He hadn't met these people before. After one visit to each of them, he came out with these results: three new friends whom he had convinced to join the Communist Party and subscribe to The Worker. That's typical of Ed Royce. He's friendly, convincing and bold.

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Keep your Red Cross at his side!

Sam Williams, Ed's runner-up is a Negro trade union leader, a vice-president of the Railroad Commissioners Workers Union. Sam's recruits are chiefly union members, people who know and respect Sam as a hard working member of the Communist Party.

Both Sam and Ed feel that the job they've done in the recruiting drive can and should be duplicated throughout the country. Furthermore, they have definite ideas about keeping new recruits in the Communist Party. It's a four point program.

First of all, they say, recruits shouldn't be expected to feel perfectly at home once they're in the Party. Point number one, therefore, is keep close and personal contacts with your recruits, their families and their friends. Next, try to involve them in some club activities. Third, make sure that they read The Daily Worker and The Worker. And finally, see that your club organizes classes and study groups for recruits. Ed and Sam are looking forward to the April 2nd Party Builders Congress, to which all recruits and their contacts are invited. It's pretty certain that the Congress is looking forward to seeing them and learning how they did it.

How the Red Army Reached the Prut

By B. Polevoi

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 30.—The Dniester epic originated that morning in March, when south of Zvenigorodka, the troops of the 2nd Ukrainian Front launched an offensive on two sectors.

That cold March morning the cannons of artillery preparation set the hilly valleys south of Zvenigorodka a quiver. The German divisions were entrenched behind a strongly fortified line. The Germans pinned even greater hope on the spring thaw. "You simply can't imagine such mud," wrote a German officer, Kurt Reinman, to his friend on the Italian front. "But today we think this mud and the flooded roads a blessing, as they are more reliable than the Alps and the Apennines as shields against the Russians who are devilishly active here, and will give us an opportunity for a little rest, for recovering and preparing for them a few unpleasant surprises."

But the Soviet troops breached the defenses and swept forward along the mud-ridden roads with steadily gathering power. Their ceaseless blows fell on the Germans quite unexpectedly, one after another, giving them no possibility or to take advantage of the nature of their positions and the tremendous equipment amassed there.

ABANDONED EQUIPMENT

I saw thousands of trucks with supplies, hundreds of field guns, armored cars, self-propelled guns, tanks and whippets of all types and makes. This tremendous striking power was abandoned in disorder on the roads, fields, in the woods and gullies. All this testified to the unexpected nature of the blows sustained by the Germans and the sweeping tempo of the Soviet offensive and that the Soviet command gave the Germans no time for reflection.

In the foreign press I encountered the question: "How did it happen that along the same mud-ridden Ukrainian roads where the German equipment stuck, unable to make any progress, where the Germans retreating on foot were obliged to remove their boots and run in their stocking feet, the Soviet infantry, tanks, cavalry and artillery forged steadily ahead with all their equipment?"

Whenever the Soviet tanks began skidding, the motorized infantry leaped from their armor to build bridges across the ravines and hollows. Artillerymen dragged their gigantic guns. Infantrymen wading knee-deep through the mud, carried in addition to their full marching equipment, also shells for guns.

NAZI DEFENSES

The Soviet troops showed all these fighting qualities even more strikingly during the crossing of the Southern Bug and the Dniester. These two great rivers stretched in formidable obstacles in the way of the Soviet troops. The inhabitants in the Bug and Dniester areas told me how following the liberation of Kharkov, the Rumanians and Germans feverishly built powerful fortifications on the banks of the rivers.

The Dniester fortifications were especially powerful. Its approaches were protected by entire areas covered with pillboxes and trenches, a network of underground fortifications and water-traps. With equal thoroughness formidable fortifications were built beyond the Dniester when a powerful line of fortifications was erected along its right, tall, steep bank.

It was here the Red Army's mettle, and the skill of its leaders were especially revealed. On the approaches to these rivers, the Soviet infantry and tankmen, following right on the heels of the retreating German and Rumanian units, drove wedges in their positions, straight from the march, and crushed their columns. They gave the Nazis no chance to entrench in their fortifications by the river, but forced them to retreat along with fresh units brought up from the interior.

Having overtaken the stampeding enemy forces on the crossings, the Soviet infantrymen, tankmen and airmen wrought such havoc that the banks were littered with enemy dead, and the snow grew crimson from enemy blood. The grim, majestic spectacles of the debacle could be observed by the Dniester, near Yampol, Soroki and other villages on the bank, where the retreating Germans and Rumanians rushed to the bridges and crossings. The enemy did not yield; they tried to fight back and were destroyed near the crossings by thousands, crushed under the caterpillars, mowed down by Tommy-gun fire and bombed out of existence from the air.

The units of the 2nd Ukrainian Front did not confine themselves to smashing the enemy at the crossings of the rivers; attacking, they captured the crossings, ferries, tugboats and rowboats, immediately sweeping across the river.

On the 20th day of the offensive, the heroes of the Dniester epic beheld a broad surface, the surface of the Prut, gleaming in the sun, and from their state border, they can now see the valleys and villages of Rumania.

5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

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NEW YORK—Sixty-one injured as subway trains crash in Queens.

WASHINGTON—Marian Anderson, Negro contralto banned by DAR, will give free Easter concert at Lincoln Memorial, Secretary Ickes announced.

CLEVELAND—United Auto Workers Union called upon Congress to place an official boycott on fascist nations and asked revision of the Neutrality Act.

CATANZARO—Mussolini warns France of war over colonies as Nazis push Polish demand.

PARIS—Art Shields, Daily Worker correspondent, safe in France after harrowing escape from Franco.

MADRID—Hundreds of thousands face Franco vengeance.

HANKOW—United States protests to Tokyo on bombing of American mission.

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